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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
 FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
 SUBJECT: NSC Weekly Report #148

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1. Opinion

I attach a report from Professor William Griffith on the Middle East. He has just visited the area and in addition to being current, his report is insightful.

2. Fact: Muskie-Brown-Brzezinski Meeting

Ed, Harold, and I reached the following decisions during our meeting this week:

-- In response to their request, we have sent a cable to the Romanians outlining the kind of very limited military supply relationship we might be prepared to enter into. We will defer informing Congress of these developments until the Romanians respond.

-- We will delay initiating the joint US-Saudi commission Harold discussed with Sultan in Geneva until November 15. DOD will initiate a separate dialogue on facilities.

3. Fact: Argentina-Bolivia

The coup in Bolivia may result in problems for improvement of our relations with Argentina. We had on numerous occasions urged the Argentines to let developments take their course in Bolivia. Now, all indications are that the Argentine military, if not the government itself, had a hand in the coup. If these reports prove true, we will have to take this issue up sharply with the Argentines. Potentially even more serious, there are strong rumors that some of the interrogation and torture of prisoners in Bolivia is being handled by Argentines. If Buenos Aires is, in effect, exporting its human rights malpractices, we will have to revise our estimate that they are significantly cleaning up their act. Domestic human rights groups will certainly seize on these stories and intensify their questioning of our rapprochement with Argentina.

4. National Security Affairs Calendar (attached).

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Review on July 25, 2000  
 Classified and Extended by Z. Brzezinski

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